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Governor proposes to cut education, close parks and release prisoners

In last week's State of the State speech, the Governor invoked the name of President Roosevelt when he said "FDR didn't ignore the problems of the Depression because times were tough. He addressed those problems in big, visionary ways *because* times were tough." The difference between Roosevelt and the Governor last week is that FDR leveled with the people in times of crisis. I wish that in last week's speech Governor Schwarzenegger had been more direct, and provided more details, in leveling with the public about our current fiscal crisis.

For five years, the state has been spending at a level that's higher than the amount of cash we've been taking in. The people of California have been getting a higher level of education, parks maintenance and access, and prison services than they have been paying for. We either have to cut them dramatically or pay more—one or the other, or a combination of the two. No gimmicks. Let's spend the next six months talking with the people of California about what we should do. That's the speech the Governor should have given.

Following his speech, the Governor made his budget proposals. He's proposing cutting every single state service. *To read more, [click here](#).*

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John responds to the Governor's 2008 budget proposals, January 10, 2008.

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